



Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

Murdock Administration Building, 18500 Murdock Circle,
Building B, Room B-106, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>District:</u>
Don McCormick, Chair	District 2
Nichole Beyer	District 3
Vacant	District 1
Wendy Lang.....	District 5
Stas Matias.....	District 4
Jeff Anlauf.....	Member-at-Large
Vacant.....	Member-at-Large

MINUTES

December 2, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order:

Don McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Don McCormick asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

Upon Secretary Bennett calling the roll call, it was determined a quorum was present.

4. Approval of Minutes

- o Approve the Minutes from November 4, 2021

Mr. Matias made a motion to approve the November 4, 2021 minutes, seconded by **Mr. Anlauf** the motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

Damian Ochab, SMSKA, mentioned a concern about channel markings on the way to the restaurants on Manasota Key. There are a lot of rentals out there, and they were wondering if the county can put a marker to mark the area.

Matt Logan, Public Works, commented about the canal that runs behind one of the boat rentals, Wine Bistro, is a private canal. Another area is near Chadwick Cove, this topic has been brought up in the past. However, it has quite a few difficulties with permits in that area.

Commissioner Deutsch asked who is responsible for marking the channels? Is it the Coast Guard, the State, the County?

Mr. Logan replied that he thinks it's jurisdiction. From the county standpoint, the county maintains our channel markers on our marked waters. Mostly our manmade canals and entrance channels into those canals. From the State and Coast Guard standpoint, those are going to be in their waters.

There was some discussion about boat rentals.

Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager, commented that he would welcome a detail discussion on this from this group and through the other related advisory groups. He's had meetings with other committees that are also concerned about this. This sort of topic is on their radar and have been looking into it. He would be happy to take recommendations from this group to them for further discussion.

Commissioner Deutsch suggested to invite on the next agenda, the Sheriff Marine Unit and FWC and let them go over the rules and regulations for safe boating. We could also check into what is being done to educate the boat renters.

7. New Business

- **Beach cleaning – Biological debris discussion**

Tina Powell, Parks and Natural Resources Manager, commented that Community Services are tasked to maintain the county owned and operated beach, which is only Englewood Beach. None of the renourishment sand, just the beach itself. That also includes the grant that we received from the state to help offset those cost. That grant specifically says we can not clean state land. Which would be the new sand from the renourishments, or anything mean high water or below. When it comes to pursuing additional cleanups on private property or the sand above mean high water, that would be something very similar, if we were directed by the BCC. We would have to get easements much likely from each and every property owner and approval from the state. At this point we have no indication from the state that they will allow that. The county doesn't have much recourse moving forward to clean anything other than the beach that we are the owners of.

Mr. McCormick informed **Ms. Powell** that the discussion that took place here centered on catching the dead fish before they land on the beach. **Ms. Powell** replied that the county does not have any capability to do that ourselves. We did some outreach and research doing that a couple of years ago, where one vendor said the effectiveness of what they are able to do is going to be minimal. Because they are only going to be able to collect in small areas, and with the larger fish kills they can come through and collect, then moments later the same amount will come by. This is something that could be done, with direction and funding. However, the effectiveness of it is going to be limited based on the conditions out there.

There was some discussion about what various surrounding counties put into place or tried to help stop the fish from coming to shore.

Ms. Powell will work with Public Works and see what kind of process they can set up. Then she will work with Brian Gleason on how to better message. **Ms. Lang** asked if we should give a time frame to address on the progress? **Ms. Powell** answered give her till the February meeting since the holidays are coming up.

8. Old Business

- **Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager**

- Water Quality

Mr. Moody informed they are still full steam ahead on the monitoring program development and still on track to have monitoring on the ground in Charlotte County before turtle season next year. There's going to be townhall meetings for south and west county regarding monitoring in mid-January. Also, they are going to hold a water quality summit that is tentatively scheduled for March 7th, 2022.

- Riviera Marina

Mr. Moody hasn't received any updates on this. He is on the notice list from the Coast Guard and DEP for if they get complaints for example, and he has not received any yet. **Commissioner Deutsch** expressed that there is an effort being made and the biggest problem is the ownership is still in question.

- Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc.
 - South Beach (Knight-Don Pedro Island) Renourishment
 - Stump Pass navigation channel project
 - Mitigation reef
 - Terminal Groin placement on Stump Pass

Matt Logan, Public Works spoke because **Mr. Poff** was not present.

- South Beach (Knight-Don Pedro Island) Renourishment
- Stump Pass navigation channel project

Mr. Logan commented that yesterday they had a kickoff meeting on the beach. Starting on December 15th they will start pumping. We are currently in the mobilization period right now until they get pumping and actually see the sand moving. After we met with parks at Chadwick Park is where they will be storing their crew boat and parking some of their stuff. They have also spoken with the state park and reiterated the schedule with them. By January 15th they should be complete on the state park and they will then switch over and mobilize to the Palm Island side of things, to hopefully start pumping on the Palm Island side on January 25th. With a completion date around April 1st.

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Mr. Logan they are still monitoring and waiting for Coastal Engineering to come back with their final report.

- **Derelict Vessel Update Report**

Jamie Scudera, Natural Resources, commented that:

- 3 have been; removed back in October
- 3 are cited
- 4 open cases

Ms. Scudera mentioned that Roger was notified about one, by our staff, at the end of Cedar Point in Englewood. She does believe that it's already on this list, but he will follow up and make sure.

○ **Shore Birds and Sea Birds**

Ms. Scudera stated that it's the end of season. The ladies have been working on outreach education preparing for next season and have come up a beach scavenger hunt for the kids.

Commissioner Deutsch suggested to start now and also to work with Brian Gleason and Tina Powell publicizing on CCTV that we are looking for volunteers for turtle season early, so then maybe when season comes, we have some interest.

9. Correspondence and Communication
None offered.

10. Public Comments
None offered.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants
None offered.

12. Member Comments

Mr. Anlauf commented that on November 23rd, 2021 the commissioners moved to rule Manchester Project ahead and Mr. Logan will be in charge of that.

Mr. McCormick mentioned that there is a vacancy for a Vice- Chair and feels that it should be placed on next months agenda. Ms. Lang asked if all members are included or is it just district members? The answer was its for all members.

14. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, January 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106 Port Charlotte unless otherwise announced.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.



Don McCormick, Chair